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SUBJECT: TALKS WITH AMBASSADOR NICOLAE

THERE FOLLOW SEVERAL COMMENTS BASED ON AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATIONS WITH ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR NICOLAE INCLUDING BRIEF PHONE DISCUSSION THIS MORNING (APRIL 6) JUST BEFORE NICOLAE LEFT.

A. EARTHQUAKE RELIEF. HE EXPECTS MFA TO CONTINUE TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT COORDINATING ROLE BUT SAID DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER STANCIU WILL ALSO HAVE KEY ROLE HENCEFORTH. HE IS INTERESTED IN ASSISTANCE FOR HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, PARTICULARLY IF IT COULD INCLUDE AN EQUIPMENT COMPONENT, SINCE GOAL OF DOUBLING HOUSING STARTS THIS YEAR CAN ONLY BE MET WITH SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED DEGREE OF MECHANIZATION. POSSIBLE WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE STILL BEING CONSIDERED BUT NICOLAE DOUBTS WHETHER IBRD TERMS ARE SO GOOD AS TO JUSTIFY THEIR CONDITIONS (REF STATE 063677).

B. ECONOMIC RELATIONS. HE'S VERY PLEASED OVER CDC
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DECISION. HIS CURRENT PRIORITIES ARE TO HELP MOVE ISLAND CREEK COAL DEAL FASTER. (FIRM REIVESENTATIVE DUE HERE TODAY TO DISCUSS SOME OF REMAINING ISSUES - QUALITY CONTROLS, DELIVERY AND PRICE GUARANTEES WHICH ROMANIANS CONSIDER NECESSARY IN LIGHT OF NEED TO ADOPT OTHER THAN JOINT VENTURE FORM OF ORGANIZATION.) HE ALSO HOPES TO GET FAVORABLE US DECISIONS SOON ON WHAT HE DESCRIBES AS

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TWENTY MAJOR PENDING EXPORT LICENSE CASES IN ELECTRONICS FIELD.

C. RFE. AS DID PACOSTE SEPARATELY, NICOLAE HIT HARD ON WHAT HE CONSIDERED INCREASING DEGREE OF RFE "INTERFERENCE" IN ROMANIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, CITING RFE'S BROADCASTING GOMA'S TELEPHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS AS EQUIL TO "INVITATION TO JOIN DISSIDENT MOVEMENT."

D. CONGRESSIONAL VISITS. HE IS CARRYING INVITATION FROM CEAUSESCU FOR SENATOR HUMPHREY FOR MAY VISIT. (HUMPHREY APPARENTLY TOLD NICOLAE THAT, HEALTH PERMITTING, HE MIGHT BE IN EUROPE IN MAY AND WOULD BE INTERESTED IN COMING ON TO ROMANIA.) HE ALSO PLANS TO SEEK NEW MEETING WITH SPEAKER O'NEILL TO GET HOUSE DELEGATION TO ROMANIA THIS YEAR AS WELL AS RENEWED INVITATION FOR ROMANIAN DELEGATION TO REPLACE ONE ISSUED BY FORMER SPEAKER ALBERT.

E. NEW CEAUSESCU MESSAGE. PACOSTE SAID AMBASSADOR NICOLAE HAD SEEN CEAUSESCU APRIL 15 AND THAT WE WOULD SEE HOW STRONG AN INTEREST CEAUSESCU HAD IN CONTINUING GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE US FROM RESPONSES HE WAS SENDING TO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO HIM. WHEN AMBASSADOR QUERIED NICOLAE THIS MORNING ON WHETHER HE WAS CARRYING ANY SUCH RESPONSE NICOLAE DENIED IT.

F. CEAUSESCU VISIT. IN ANY EVENT, FROM EARLIER CONVERSATION, CLEAR THAT NICOLAE WILL BE PUSHING FOR PINNING DOWN DATES FOR CEAUSESCU VISIT WHICH HE SAID HE FELT ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT IN LIGHT OF DIVERGENT US-
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